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Appln. Title: ILLUMINATION DEVICE FOR
PROJECTION SYSTEM AND METHOD
FOR FABRICATING

Sir:

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Date: April 17, 2002

REPLY/AMENDMENT/LETTER

This is a reply/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated herein by reference and the signature below is treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.

FEE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

1. Small Entity claim

- A. ☒ NOT made
B. ☐ Withdrawn
C. ☐ made herewith
D. ☐ made previously

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Separate Paper
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Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Present Extra	Large/Small Entity	Additional Fee	Fee Code
2. Total Effective Claims	15	**minus 56	0	x \$18/\$9 =	+ \$0 103/203
3. Independent Claims	2	***minus 6	0	x \$84/\$42 =	+ \$0 102/202
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5. Original due Date: May 8, 2002		<input type="checkbox"/> NONE			
6. Petition is hereby made to extend the original due date to cover the date this response is filed for which the requisite fee is attached	(1 mo) (2 mos) (3 mos) (Usable only for ≤ 2mo.OA --- 4 mos) (Usable only for 30 day/1mo.OA --- 5 mos)	\$110/\$55 = \$400/\$200 = \$920/\$460 = \$1,440/\$720 = \$1,960/\$980 =	+ \$0		115/215 116/216 117/217 118/218 128/228
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11. After-Final Request Fee per rules 129(a) and 17(h)			+ \$740/370	+ \$0	146/246
12. No. of additional inventions for examination per Rule 129(b)			x \$740/370 ea	+ \$0	149/249
13. Request for Continued Examination (RCE)			+ \$740/370	+ \$0	1179/1279
14. Petition fee for				+ \$0	
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This CHARGE STATEMENT does not authorize charge of the issue fee until/unless an issue fee transmittal sheet is filed.

Query: Is appeal deadline now? If so, file Notice of Appeals separately.

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers *Notice of Allowance Mailed* (copy enclosed) dated April 8, 2002, Applicants submit herewith a corrected Page 9 of the above-identified application. Applicants filed an Amendment on March 8, 2002, requesting amendment to the specification, specifically "on page 9, deleting the sentence beginning at lines 5-6."

Prompt issuance of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure: Corrected Page 9 of the Specification



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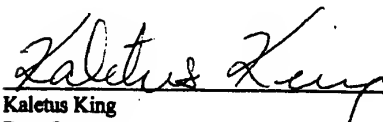
This application has been accorded an Allowance Date and is being prepared for issuance. The application, however, is incomplete for the reasons below.

Applicant is given 30 days from the mail date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. A failure to reply will result in the application being ABANDONED. This period for reply is NOT extendable under 37 CFR 1.136 (a) or (b).

- PAGE 9 OF SPECIFICATION BEGINS INCOMPLETE

APPLICANT MUST SUPPLY THE CORRECTED PAGE 9 WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE MAIL DATE OF THIS NOTICE.

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- 5 **Figure 16** is a plot of the normalized image log slope, showing influence of a circular four-zone ($\sigma_c=0.7$ and $\sigma_r=0.2$ on a zero intensity field) with 0.1 waves of primary aberrations: astigmatism, tilt, spherical, and coma, through focus for a 130 nm features imaged with a 193 nm imaging system using a numerical aperture of 0.6.
- 10 **Figure 17** is a plot of the normalized image log slope, using the bi-level representation of the distributed-intensity illumination described for this invention.
- 15 **Figure 18** is a contour plot of circular gaussian zones used to optimize energy distribution in the pupil, where energy is concentrated in the center of the pupil and at off-axis angles.
- 20 **Figure 19** is a three dimensional plot of circular gaussian zones and a square limiting zone used to limit the on-axis illumination component while retaining off-axis zone energy.
- 25 **Figure 20** is a perspective view of a beamsplitter illumination system with a square 25 aperture mask inserted in its pupil.
- 30 **Figure 21** shows how a square central obscuration can be included in an aperture to reduce the on-axis character of illumination and improve the performance of dense features.
- Figure 22** shows the square ring, off-axis source which delivers optimal off-axis illumination for dense features while providing on-axis illumination for more isolated features.
- Figure 23** shows how the square ring approach can be combined with the gaussian four-zone approach to emphasize corner zone effects.